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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
INCLUDE IN THE 2017-2018 SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM REQUEST IMPROVEMENTS TO CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER
TERMINALS AT NAWILIWILI HARBOR IN KAUAI, HONOLULU HARBOR IN
OAHU, KAHULUI HARBOR IN MAUI, AND HILO HARBOR IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted Act 200, Second Special
2 Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, to provide suitable harbor
3 facilities and berthing piers to ensure the efficient and timely
4 delivery and shipment of goods imported into the State; and
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6 WHEREAS, Act 200 also included the construction of ferry
7 and passenger facilities; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii's congressional delegation consisting of
10 the late Senator Daniel Inouye, retired Senator Daniel Akaka,
11 former Congressman Neil Abercrombie, and Congresswoman Mazie
12 Hirono supported and included into Public Law, 109-59, Title IX,
13 Section 9008, the Hawaii Port Infrastructure Expansion Program,
14 Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended; and
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16 WHEREAS, that congressional delegation successfully
17 allocated federal funds to the Hawaii Port Infrastructure
18 Expansion Program; and
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20 WHEREAS, federal funds from the Hawaii Port Infrastructure
21 Expansion Program were used to design an efficient traffic flow
22 for tour buses and taxi operations and enhance the passenger
23 experience by remodeling the interior of the terminal at Pier 2
24 in Honolulu Harbor; and
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26 WHEREAS, at the 2013 Historic Preservation Honor Awards,
27 the Historic Hawaii Foundation recognized the Pier 2 Passenger
28 Terminal Building by awarding it the Preservation Media Award
29 for its permanent exhibits and large scale original Hawaii
30 artwork; and



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2 WHEREAS, federal funds were also used to separate inter-
3 island cargo operations and passenger tour operations at Hilo
4 Harbor; and
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6 WHEREAS, during fiscal year (FY) 2014-2015, approximately
7 1.15 million cruise ship passengers passed through the Hawaii
8 harbor system, as compared to 1.21 million in FY 2013-2014 and
9 1.15 million in FY 2012-2013; and
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11 WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2011, cruise ship passengers
12 were assessed a debark fee of \$5, an embark fee of \$5 at the
13 first point of entry, and an additional \$5 in-transit fee for
14 each port visit thereafter; and
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16 WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2013, the debark and embark fees
17 increased to \$6 per passenger; and
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19 WHEREAS, primarily due to the changes in the fee rate
20 structure, cruise ship passengers' fee revenue increased from
21 \$5.7 million in FY 2012-2013 to \$6.7 million in FY 2013-2014 and
22 to \$6.9 million in FY 2014-2015; and
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24 WHEREAS, while the Department of Transportation has
25 increased the passengers' fees, it has not, except for the
26 improvements to Pier 2 at Honolulu Harbor, included in its
27 Capital Improvement Program the design and construction of
28 cruise ship passenger facilities for each of its major
29 commercial ports serving passenger vessels; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority is increasing its
32 market to include passenger cruise operations; and
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34 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority is funding a
35 statewide vessel scheduling system for cruise line agents to
36 have online access to reserve and schedule passenger vessels at
37 the Department of Land and Natural Resources small boat harbors
38 at Kona and Lahaina and the Department of Transportation Harbors
39 Division commercial ports at Nawiliwili Harbor in Kauai,
40 Honolulu Harbor in Oahu, Kahului Harbor in Maui, and Hilo Harbor
41 in Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation is seeking to
2 support the Hawaii Tourism Authority by funding an existing
3 position to evaluate existing facilities, help create a uniform
4 visitor experience at each port of call, and support the Hawaii
5 Tourism Authority in managing the greeter program; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes and supports the
8 cooperation between the Department of Transportation and the
9 Hawaii Tourism Authority to enhance the passenger experience and
10 tourism brand; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor and
15 Department of Transportation are requested to include in the
16 2017-2018 Supplemental Capital Improvement Program request
17 improvements to cruise ship passenger terminals at Nawiliwili
18 Harbor in Kauai, Honolulu Harbor in Oahu, Kahului Harbor in
19 Maui, and Hilo Harbor in Hawaii; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
22 Transportation continue to collaborate with the Hawaii Tourism
23 Authority and other state and federal entities to encourage the
24 installation of art and award winning designs that promote
25 heritage tourism and original Hawaii artwork; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's
29 congressional delegation, the Governor, Director of
30 Transportation, Chair of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, Mayor of
31 Hawaii County, Mayor of Kauai County, Mayor of Maui County,
32 Chair of the Hawaii County Council, Chair of the Kauai County
33 Council, and Chair of the Maui County Council.
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